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SUBJECT: NEW CAPITAL: USGS PROBLEM/POLISH INTEREST

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1. ALTHOUGH VITALLY ALL SUBSTANTIVE FEDERAL CAPITAL DEVELOPMENT  
AUTHORITY (CD) OFFICIALS ARE TRAVELING FREQUENTLY, EMBOFF CAUGHT  
CDA EXECUTIVE SECRETARY KOKO ON SECOND OF TWO DAYS IN TOWN THIS  
WEEK. HE WILL BE AWAY APRIL 20-MAY 2. ON USGS PROBLEM, KOKO'S  
VERSION WAS MUCH THE SAME AS BREHM'S EXCEPT THAT KOKO OMITTED  
ANY MENTION OF POLES DOING ANY WORK AND SAID IT WAS HD, NOT  
THE CHAIRMAN, WHO OBJECTED TO USGS PROPOSALS. HE SAID THE  
WORK INVOLVED IN MOST RECENT USGS PIPS WOULD TAKE TOO LONG  
AND HE IS PARTICULARLY OPPOSED TO QUOTE KEEPING AND STORING  
THE DATA IN THE US UNQUOTE BECAUSE HE NEEDS INFORMATION AS IT  
IS ACQUIRED. HE SAID HE HAS LEARNED THAT THE MINISTRY  
OF WATER RESOURCES HAS ALREADY CONTRACTED FOR A HYDOLOGICAL  
SURVEY OF THE CAPITAL TERRITORY. HE EXPECTS TO REVIEW  
CONTRACT'S TERMS OF REFERENCE AFTER HIS RETURN FROM ABROAD  
MAY 2. HE HAS ALSO ASKED A CONSULTING ORGANIZATION OPERATED  
BY THE UNIVERSITIES OF IFE AND AHMADU BELLO FOR PROPOSALS WHICH  
HE WILL ALSO REVIEW UPON RETURN. HE SAID THESE INSTITUTIONS  
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COMPLAINED THAT THEY HAD ASSISTED USGS BUT RECEIVED NO  
RECOGNITION IN THE USGS REPORT.

2. WHAT HE WANTS MOST FROM USGS IS ONE ADVISOR, PREFERABLY  
BY FIRST OR SECOND WEEK OF MAY, TO EVALUATE ABOVE AND MAKE  
RECOMMENDATIONS TO KOKO ON WHAT IS FEASIBLE AND WHAT IS NOT  
FEASIBLE. HE WOULD LIKE USGS ADVISOR TO REMAIN FOR DURATION

OF WORK, WHICH PRESUMABLY WOULD TAKE AT LEAST SEVERAL MONTHS.  
HE PREFERS SAME MAN BUT WOULD AGREE TO DIFFERENT ADVISORS IF  
NEEDED FOR DIFFERENT DISCIPLINES.

3. RECOMMENDATION: PASS ABOVE QUICKLY TO USGS. IF, AFTER  
HEARING FROM IPA, USGS HAS CLEAR ENOUGH PICTURE TO KNOW WHAT  
KOKO NEEDS, RECOMMEND IT SEND A MAN HERE EARLY MAY TO ASSIST  
IN REVIEWING WATER RESOURCES CONTRACT AND UNIVERSITIES'  
PROPOSALS AND TO ASSESS REMAINING TASKS WITH OBJECTIVE OF  
DECIDING WHETHER USGS CAN CONTINUE TO ASSIST. THIS HAS  
VIRTUES OF (1) KEEPING USGS IN PROJECT; (2) PROVIDING EXPERT  
ADVICE TO KOKO AND MASTER PLANNERS; (3) AVOIDING, WHEN POSSIBLE,  
IRREVERSIBLE ERRORS IN PLANNING AND DESIGNING NEW CAPITAL;  
(4) KEEPING AN EYE ON THE POLES IF THEY ARE ENGAGED; (5)  
REDUCING USGS PERSONNEL REQUIREMENTS FOR NEW CAPITAL.

4. IF USGS WAS UNABLE TO SUBMIT BY APRIL 19 LARGER REVISED  
PROPOSAL REQUESTED BY BREHM THROUGH LOCKWOOD, USGS MAN COULD  
BRING IT WITH HIM IN MAY.

5. RE POLISH INTEREST, POLISH COMMERCIAL COUNSELOR CONFIRMED  
TO PETROLEUM OFFICER LAST NIGHT THAT POLES HAD BEEN ASKED  
IF THEY WOULD LIKE TO PROPOSE FOR HYDROLOGY WORK BUT THAT  
NOTHING HAD BEEN DECIDED YET.  
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